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1. At about 4 p.m. on 29 March 1954, additional units arrived in Neuglienicke from the direction of Rheinsberg. [] was not able to determine the total strength of these units. The vehicles [] proceeded to Jagen (forest section) No 132 near Hammelstall, Jagen Nos 196 and 202 near Steinberge and Jagen No 203 near Wallitz. The vehicles were camouflaged, tents were pitched and field wires were laid. The staff was located in Jagen No 88. Radio stations were observed in Jagen Nos 89 and 109 near Neuglienicke. []

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about 10 p.m., combat units arrived at the training area, also coming from the direction of Rheinsberg. Twenty JS tanks, 20 T-34 tanks, 10 SU-122 guns, 10 SU-152 guns, 24 model M-1937 prime movers towing 12 heavy guns and 12 guns with short barrels; 12 M-13 rocket launchers, 12 M-31 rocket launchers, 30 trucks towing 85-mm heavy AT guns, 20 trucks towing light AT guns, 20 trucks towing heavy mortars, 10 trucks carrying each 3 light mortars, 10 trucks towing about 80-mm guns on four-wheel gun mounts, 20 three-axle scout cars mounting 20-mm twin-barreled machine guns, 20 BA-64 armored scout cars, and 50 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns passed through Neuglienicke, proceeding to the Hammelstall area.

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At about 3 p.m., another smaller column was seen on the Basdorf-Neuglienicke road, en route toward the troop training grounds.

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3. On 31 March, an engineer unit, including 10 trucks carrying pontoons and 2 trucks carrying assault boats, arrived in Neuglienicke from the direction of Fuerstenberg.

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4. On 1 April, new columns blocked the roads to Rheinsberg-Fuerstenberg.

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Comment. According to previous reports, an exercise of the 18th Mech Div, reinforced by units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and the IV Arty Corps, was held in the Fuerstenberg-Rheinsberg area between about 28 and 31 March.

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According to weapons, the units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps apparently included elements of the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) and the 10th Gds RL Regt. The engineer unit which arrived on 31 March cannot definitely be identified; it may have belonged to the 348th Engr Bn of the abovementioned division. The end of the exercise was previously indicated by another source, according to whom the 58th Mech Regt of the division arrived in its Perleberg post on 31 March and 1 April.

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